the former rupee payment area. This completely rules out any further possibility of occurrence of fresh expenditure on this account.

Tripartite meetings on DA system

1846. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed a Tripartite meeting on the question of Dearness Allowance System to Central Government employees;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the Fifth Pay Commission constituted recently is also expected to go into this question; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation from Atomic Workers and Staff Union, Bombay urging for dropping the proposed tripartite meeting in view of this question being examined by the Fifth Pay Commission and if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Government have not proposed any Tripartite meeting on the Question of Dearness Allowance System to Central Government employees. The tripartite meeting held on 9th May, 1994 considered issues relating to industrial dearness allowance to the employees in the Central Public sector undertakings on the basis of a slab system.

(c) The Government have received a representation from the Atomic Energy Workers and Staff Union requesting to drop the move for a Tripartite meeting to decide on the payment of dearness allowance to Central Government employees. The representation appears to have been made due to sue mis-apprehension, as there is no proposal to convene a tripartite meeting on the payment of dearness allowance to Central Government employees.

श्रम-साध्य प्रौद्योगिकी

1847. **श्री आस मोहम्मद** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार श्रम-प्रौद्योगिकियों की उपेक्षा करती रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "ना" हो, तो बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों को यथाशीघ्र रोजगार के अवसर उपलब्ध कराने हेतु श्रम-साध्य प्रौद्योगिकियों के विकास के लिये क्या-क्या प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने, आठवीं योजना अभ्यास के एक भाग के रूप में, अगले 10 वर्षों की अवधि, में सभी रोजगार दिलाये जाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है । भौगोलिक रूप से तथा फसल-वार विविधीकृत कृषि, फसल हेतु खती और बागिकी के लिये परती भूमि विकास, ग्रामीण-गैर कृषि क्षेत्र, लघु दर्जे का विनिर्माण, शहरी अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र, ग्रामीण अवसरचना आवास तथा सेवाओं, जो श्रमोन्मुख प्रौद्योगिकियां अपनाती हैं, की उन क्षेत्रों के रूप में पहचान की गयी है जो रोजगार उन्मुख रणनीति के मूल तत्वों की रचना करते हैं । इसमें ग्रामीण कारीगरों सहित परंपरागत व्यवसायों के औजारों तथा प्रौद्योगिकियों में अनुसंधान तथा नवीकरण की भी परिकल्पना की गई है ।

Effect of restrictions on beedi industry workers

1848. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 162 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted any study of the possible economic impact on beedi workers by restrictions proposed by Health Ministry on the beedi industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. It is felt that the proposed legislation may not significantly affect employment situation in beedi industry for the present.

Ad-Hoc compensation to redundant tobacco workers

1849. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Labour Ministry has made any provision for granting ad-hoc compensation to workers in the tobacco sector who become redundant primarily due to Government laws;

(b) if so, the details of the funds being operated by his Ministry; and

(c) steps proposed to create a safety net for workers in the organised tobacco sector in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Legislative proposals ot restrict tobacco cultivation and beedi industry

1850. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Health Ministry has made any reference to his Ministry of its legislative proposals to restrict tobacco cultivation and beedi industry;

(b) if so, details of the reference made;

(c) whether his Ministry has given any opinion on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The Health Ministry had made a reference to this Ministry only for their legislative proposal related to discouraging use of tobacco products. There is no proposal for restricting tobacco cultivation and beedi industry.

बाल श्रम अधिनियम की समीक्षा

1851. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में बालक श्रम अधिनियम सामाजिक बुराइयों को कम करने के बदले उन्हें वैधता प्रदान कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इसकी समीक्षा करने का है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या-क्या कदम उठाए हैं

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Dispute between INTUC and BMS

1852. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a dispute between INTUC and BMS in the verification process started by the Labour Ministry to find out which union gets the majority in mobilising the employees; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to resolve the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.